

Rockwood Weed and Seed Strategic Plan Summary 3-25-02

Law Enforcement-Gang activity, domestic violence, domestic violence, child abuse, street level crimes and all other street level crimes are our primary areas of concern.

Reduce violent gang activity

- Support and expand the current efforts of the Gresham Police Department [task force activities]
- Develop a diversion plan targeting youth through OCJ and Eastwind

Reduce the incidence of domestic violence

- Inform the residents of Rockwood about the laws and consequences regarding domestic violence through the distribution of public information.
- Increase the accessibility and cultural competence of services to batterers and victims. A plan will be developed through the Steering committee, the Gresham Police Department and the east County Caring Community DV team.

Reduce street level crimes

- The Gresham Police Department will gather statistics regarding drinking related incidents to the OLCC
- Increased enforcement of street level crimes
- The GPD will implement a property manager accountability process at apartment complexes within the W&S area.
- Establish a Community Court

Reduce juvenile crime

- Employ and expand the current diversion programs operated cooperatively by MCDCJ, DCF, Eastwind and other agencies.
- Increase enforcement for serious crimes
- Develop training for police, juvenile court, schools and other professionals to help identify youth and families who show early signs of delinquency.

Community Policing

Create an environment of mutual trust between the police and neighborhood residents

- Increase the presence of community officers in Rockwood and community involvement in crime prevention through a community center and by strengthening neighborhood associations and by organizing other community resources and by expanding the Safe and Healthy Community Program and through community forums.
- GPD will begin a pilot project to train 2-3 community volunteers to serve as facilitators/translators

Engage youth in positive and enriching activities

- Hold a series of youth summits

Create a safer and more livable community

- Eliminate visual blight and increase the quality of affordable housing through enforcement of housing codes violations, etc.
- “Take back the streets” program.
- Employ the Enhanced safety Property designations through training program for the apartment owners.

Prevention/Intervention/ Treatment

Create a seamless system for in- need children from birth through high school. Provide access to healthcare and other social services with particular emphasis on alcohol and drug abuse. Develop a plan that addresses the issue of discrimination.

Increase access to strength based alcohol and drug treatment

- Make strength based culturally competent treatment and alcohol and drug assessments available within the community by working through Multnomah County, CODA and Kaiser/Permanente
- Provide both universal and selective alcohol and drug prevention services.

Reduce alcohol and drug use in the apartment building in Rockwood

Reduce teen pregnancy, the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco, improve the outcome of pregnancies by improving health care behaviors, assist new parents in providing more competent care for their children.

- Initiate the Nurse-Family Partnership

Reduce Gang activity, poverty, and increase the assets of and opportunities for children and youth.

- Initiate a big brother/big sister type program.

Increase access to health, dental and mental health services.

- Develop a school based health clinic

Increase pro-social services and educational activities for youth and families.

- Initiate a Safe Haven with activities for children from 3:00 to 7:00.

Improve ethnic challenges and diminish discrimination

- Develop trans cultural educational programs. Expand ESL and SSL classes.

Support Youth and families with childcare and other essential services.

- Locate Head Start and other services in Rockwood

Neighborhood Restoration

Improve the image, housing conditions, job and training opportunities and leadership in Rockwood

Improve the business vitality and image of the area

- Develop a business recruitment plan
- Develop a series of community events
- Develop a community logo

Develop a “Rockwood Commons” to accommodate community uses such as a police precinct, a health clinic, childcare, community rooms and other such services.

- This project would be implemented through urban renewal.

Increase community stability in Rockwood

- Develop strategies to use homeownership as a means for crime prevention
- Promote home ownership
- Provide construction opportunities for volunteer workers

Improve networking with all elements of the community

- Develop a multilingual monthly newsletter
- Establish a community safety phone line

Improve housing conditions

- Provide opportunities for continuous education for apartment owners
- Form a tenants association
- Establish a nuisance hotline
- Hold informal sessions to listen to concerns of renters
- Expand the “Ready to Rent” Program

Develop leadership in the community

- Develop strategies to promote leadership in both youth and adults

Decrease poverty/increase wealth

- Increase upward mobility in the workforce through a planned approach
- Complete the Business Climate Survey
- Develop a youth employment plan
- Develop a job readiness plan
- Improve transportation access for the resident